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SUBJ: SOVIET VESSELS CALLING AT MAURITIUS

1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING
RECENT VISITS TO PORT LOUIS BY SOVIET VESSELS:

A. SPACE VEHICLE RECOVERY SHIP DIKSON (VYTEGRALES CLASS),
OCTOBER 17 TO 24.

B. SOVIET NAVY OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH SHIP ABKHAZIYA
(AKADEMIK KURCHATOV CLASS), OCTOBER 22 TO 26.

C. SURVEYING SHIP MORZHOVETS (MOMA CLASS) ARRIVED ON
23 OCTOBER. ACCORDING TO LOCAL SHIPPING SOURCES, SHE
WILL LEAVE ON 3 NOVEMBER.

D. FISHERIES RESEARCH SHIP SKIF (MAYAKOVSHIY CLASS),
OCTOBER 23 TO 26.

E. FISHERIES RESEARCH SHIP MARLIN (CLASS UNKNOWN),
OCTOBER 26 TO 27.

2. EMBASSY LEARNED FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT CERTAIN OF
THE SOVIET SCIENTIFIC SHIPS WOULD BE OPERATING JOINTLY WITH
FRENCH OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL MARION DUFRESNE WHICH WAS IN PORT
LOUIS FROM OCTOBER 24 TO 26 AND PROCEEDING FERGUELEN VIA REUNION.
WE DO NOT KNOW NAMES OF SOVIET VESSELS IN JOINT OPERATIONS BUT
ASSUME THEY ARE ABKHAZIYA AND SKIF AS THESE LEFT PORT ON SAME
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DAY AS FRENCH SHIP. EMBASSY APPRISED BY LOCAL SHIPPING SOURCE

THAT ABKHAZIYA WAS ENROUTE VLADIVOSTOK COMING FROM LENINGRAD.
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